

## Visitors Guide to the Library of Congress



The Library of Congress (LOC) tour looks at the historic Jefferson Building and its symbolic art and architecture. Volunteer docents tell the story of America's oldest cultural institution, including information about its history, collections, and services to Congress and the nation. With the world's largest collection of knowledge, culture, and creativity at hand, the Library of Congress is a must-see part of your trip to Washington, DC.

Please read the following information to prepare for your great tour and make sure it is an enjoyable experience.



**When you must request this tour by:** One week to one month in advance.



**What You Need to Have with You upon Arriving for the Tour:** Printed copies of any confirmation pages emailed to you by my office.



**Location:** 10 1st Street SE, Washington, DC 20540

**Exact Location:** Enter through the driveway entrance of the Jefferson Building, which faces 1<sup>st</sup> Street SE. You should arrive 15 minutes prior to your assigned tour time. When you arrive, an LOC employee outside will check you in. Proceed through the metal detectors to the tour waiting room. A tour guide will meet you there.



**Nearest Metro:**

*Capitol South-Orange/Blue* Line, located at 1<sup>st</sup> Street SE between C and D Streets SE. This stop is closest to the Library.

*Union Station-Red* Line, located at First Street NE and Massachusetts Avenue NE.



**Duration:** Forty-five minutes to one hour.



**Prohibited/Accepted Items:** Below is a list of prohibited and accepted items for this tour. Be prepared to pass through airport-like security as you enter the Library and to present all packages, purses, backpacks, etc., for inspection as you exit. Prohibited items will be confiscated.

**Prohibited Items:**

- **Weapons of any sort including knives, guns, explosives, etc.**

**Accepted Items:**

- **Cameras** (with exception to the Bibles Corridor, exhibition rooms with original collections on display, and the main reading room overlook)
- **Cell Phones**
- **Water**
- **Backpacks**
- **Strollers**
- **Purses**
- **Wallets**
- **Jackets**
- **Keys**
- **Umbrellas**



**Dining Options:**

- **Madison Café (LM 625)**  
Monday through Friday  
Breakfast, 8:30-10:30am  
Lunch, 11:00am-2:00pm  
Limited Service, 10:30-11am and 2:00-3:30pm
- **Madison Snack Bar (LM G47)**  
Monday through Friday, 8:30am-3:30pm  
Saturday, 8:30am-2:00pm
- **Adams Snack Bar (LA 110)**  
Monday through Friday, 8:30am-4:00pm
- **Vending Machines (LM G47 & LM G49)**  
Monday through Friday, 8:30am-9:30pm  
Saturday, 8:30am-5:00pm



**Gift Shop:** The Library Shop is open from 9:30am-5:00pm Monday-Saturday and is closed on Sundays and federal holidays. It is located on the basement level floor.



**Accessibility:** This tour is accessible to individuals with mobility impairments. Wheelchairs are available to borrow at the Ground Floor Front Desk.

If you have any further questions, please visit

<http://www.loc.gov/visit/tours/guided/jeffersonbuilding.html>, or call my office at (202) 224-2651.

If while in DC you need immediate help with your Library of Congress tour, you can contact the Library directly at (202) 707-8000.